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A Friend to All

Remembering Cruz Chacon: San Manuel Pow Wow Co-Founder

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians would like to express its deepest sadness at the passing of tribal member, Cruz Chacon.

A life long resident of San Bernardino and the San Manuel reservation, Chacon 36 was the public face and a driving force behind the annual San Manuel Pow Wow, which is now entering its twelfth year.

Starting at a grass roots level, Chacon traveled the country to make San Bernardino a stop along the national pow wow trail, drawing hundreds of dancers and musicians from all corners of North America to Cal State, San Bernardino each October.

A cultural ambassador among Indian Nations, Chacon made the San Manuel Pow Wow a gathering of friends. A place for people to reaffirm cultural and spiritual roots, both as individuals and Native Americans as a whole, while at the same time, welcoming people from all walks of life to learn about the vitality and vibrancy of Native people and their traditions.

"Cruz will always have the love and respect of the people of Santos Manuel," said San Manuel Tribal Chairman James Ramos.

The services for Cruz Chacon will be Wednesday April 8, 2009 at 6pm at Mt. View Chapel 570 E. Highland Ave. San Bernardino Ca 92404. Following the service an all night traditional wake will take place at the San Manuel Indian Reservation, The Chacon Family House, located next to the Cemetery at 26535 Indian service road Highland, Ca. 92346, with the Burial to follow Thursday morning at 10am.

Flowers can be sent to, 26535 Indian service road, Highland, Ca. 92346